Greater Bombay and Calcutta? If so, will the Government reconsider their previous decision and have a metropolitan board for Madras City also?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Merely having a Board will not help the corporation. We will have to find finances for the Board. We are having now the Public Health Board which is looking after this matter.

Sub-Inspectors (Transfer)

* 677 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the number of Sub-Inspectors transferred to this State from the former Travancore-Cochin State and the number removed from service from out of them?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Fifteen Sub-Inspectors were transferred to this State from the former Travancore-Cochin State out of whom one Sub-Inspector was removed from service.

Harijan students

* 678 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Harijan students (boys and girls) studying in various colleges and polytechnics in the Kanyakumari district to whom scholarships were given in 1959–60 ; and

(*b*) the number of students who were not given scholarships and the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) Ninety-one students (80 boys and 11 girls) studying in various colleges and polytechnics in Kanyakumari district were granted scholarships during the year 1959–60.

(*b*) Two applicants were not given college scholarships. Of the two applicants one by name M. Thaniel of S.T. Hindu College, Nagercoil, applied for both fresh and renewal scholarships. As his case was a renewal one, his renewal application was considered favourably and the fresh application was rejected.

The application of the other student by name V. S. Arulraj of Scott Christian College, Nagercoil, was rejected as he had failed in his last annual examination.

Free education

*** 679 *Q.*—SRI A. VEDARATHNAM :** *கனம் நிதி அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—*

(அ) அடுத்த ஆண்டு முதல் ஏழை மாணவர்களுக்கு 10-ம் வகுப்பு வரை இலவசக்கல்வி அளிக்கத் திட்டமிடப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா? அதன் விவரமென்ன?

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(இ) எந்த அளவு வருமானமுள்ளவர்கள் ஏழைகளாகக் கருதப்படுவார்கள் (Definition of poor students)

(உ) இதற்கு வெளி உதவி ஏதேனும் உண்டா? அதன் விவரமென்ன?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) to (*c*) All poor pupils, the gross annual income of whose parents or guardians does not exceed Rs. 1,200 per annum, are exempted from the payment of school fees in elementary schools and in secondary schools up to and inclusive of Form III. A general concession up to XI Standard has been now given as per the Budget proposals.

Minorities

* 680 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the Government have received any communication from the Union Government regarding better treatment of minorities in the State in making appointments and promotion?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The Government of India forwarded to this Government towards the end of December 1956, a "Memorandum" indicating the matters in respect of which safeguards should be provided for the linguistic minorities in each State. In order to formulate, in detail, the safeguards envisaged in the "Memorandum", a Zonal Ministerial Committee was formed under the aegis of the Southern Zonal Council. The detailed specification of safeguards recommended by the Committee was accepted by the Council. These recommendations have been accepted by this Government also and communicated in G.O. Ms. No. 1281, Public (Partition), dated 11th August 1960 to the Departments of Secretariat for taking necessary steps to implement them. This Government Order together with enclosures has been placed on the table of the House on 24th January 1961.

MR. SPEAKER : Questions are over.

III.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the Commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

ORDER OF TAKING UP OF VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I move—

' That the voting on Demands for Grants for the year 1961-62 be taken up in the following order :

DEMANDS.

XIV. Police.

XII. Administration of Justice.

XIII. Jails.

XXII. Industries and Cinchona.